

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Transportation/Public Facilities Commissioner's Office Component Budget Summary

Component: Commissioner's Office

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provide executive leadership to all activities of the department and to coordinate with the executive and legislative branches of state government, other state agencies, and the federal government.

Core Services

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is statutorily responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operations of transportation facilities and buildings. We strive to achieve a balance between steady planned growth in the intermodal transportation system, which supports economic development and improved quality of life, and the effective management of maintenance and operations for the state's existing investment in transportation and public facilities infrastructure.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2008 Component Budget: \$1,776,900	Personnel:	
	Full time	10
	Part time	0
	Total	10

Key Component Challenges

Key issues in the department are the certainty and timing of adequate funding levels to meet the transportation needs of Alaskans, the department's capability to get projects obligated in a timely manner and the proper allocation of federal construction funds; growth and redevelopment of the Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports; meeting security needs of all transportation modes; and changes in the composition and service levels of the Alaska Marine Highway System. Key issues also include meeting the challenge to maintain a positive and productive work environment, facilitating meaningful human resources development and ensuring high levels of responsiveness to the general public.

The Commissioner is one of 50 members of the Policy Committee for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (WASHTO). Both organizations are responsible for developing standards for transportation systems nationally and within the western region. A key issue will be AASHTO's recommendations on the implementation of the newly reauthorized federal highway program. The new program contains less flexibility of the highway funds, new safety programs, increased public involvement in the planning process, and extensive Federal Highway Administration oversight of state DOTs' financial activities.

In an effort to accelerate transportation development and provide significant revenue and employment opportunities to the state, the department established the Industrial Roads Program (IRP). It began when a transportation analyses showed that new North Slope oilfield and Yukon-Kuskokwim River gold field roads could achieve those results. The IRP also includes Glacier Creek Road to the Rock Creek gold mine in Nome, links on the Alaska Peninsula and Bristol Bay, and Pebble Copper prospect north of Lake Iliamna. Other promising proposals are being considered for addition to the IRP. DOT&PF planning staff continues to work with a coalition of public and private groups interested in these projects. We will pursue funding packages and legislative actions related to project streamlining processes and other public policy objectives. DOT&PF design staff will set up and manage consultant-engineering contracts for the projects. All actions are designed to move projects through planning and design processes and into construction as rapidly as possible.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

No significant changes are anticipated.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

- Connect Anchorage Initiative. DOT&PF and the Municipality of Anchorage signed a memorandum of agreement to jointly fund and construct "congestion busting" projects – the center piece of which is the highway to highway connection between the Seward and Glenn Highways.
- Initiated work on a Natural Gas Pipeline "Highway Use Agreement" developing a list of potential aviation, highway and other transportation infrastructure improvements needed prior to construction of a natural gas pipeline.
- Alaska Canada Rail Link. Alaska with cooperation of the Yukon Territorial Government and the government of British Columbia conducted an economic feasibility study of an Alaska Canada Rail Link that indicates that projected benefits are greater than the cost such as increased economic development, reduced transportation costs, alternative transportation corridors, increased port access, connection to manufacturing as well as population centers in the U.S. and Canada.
- Began work on a formal land exchange between the Fish and Wildlife Service (managers of the Izembek Refuge) to allow for a complete road connection between King Cove and Cold Bay.
- Alaska British Columbia Intertie. Working with the Alaska Energy Authority a feasibility study is being conducted to prove that sufficient power markets exist that would attract the development of regions hydroelectric power potential to sell electric power to Southeast Alaskan communities and to export the excess to markets outside of Alaska. A steering group and two subcommittees comprised of regional representatives have been established to advise DOT&PF.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.42.010-900 State Government
AS 02 Aeronautics
AS 19 Highways and Ferries
AS 35 Public Building, Works and Improvements

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Commissioner's Office Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	1,053.6	1,176.7	1,345.3
72000 Travel	193.1	99.6	99.6
73000 Services	327.8	263.3	263.3
74000 Commodities	32.5	68.7	68.7
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,607.0	1,608.3	1,776.9
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	170.0	170.0	170.0
1004 General Fund Receipts	666.9	667.0	816.8
1026 Highways/Equipment Working Capital Fund	13.2	13.2	13.2
1027 International Airport Revenue Fund	116.9	124.6	142.8
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	367.6	344.2	344.4
1076 Marine Highway System Fund	251.1	266.6	267.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services	21.3	22.7	22.7
Funding Totals	1,607.0	1,608.3	1,776.9

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	170.0	170.0	170.0
Receipt Supported Services	51073	21.3	22.7	22.7
Capital Improvement Project Receipts	51200	367.6	344.2	344.4
Restricted Total		558.9	536.9	537.1
Total Estimated Revenues		558.9	536.9	537.1

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	667.0	170.0	771.3	1,608.3
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-National Forest Receipts Ch 33, SLA 06, Sec. 13(1)	0.0	-170.0	0.0	-170.0
-FY 08 Health Insurance Increases for Exempt Employees	0.8	0.0	0.8	1.6
-Fund Source Adjustment for Retirement Systems Increases	58.2	0.0	-58.2	0.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-National Forest Receipts	0.0	170.0	0.0	170.0
-FY 08 Retirement Systems Rate Increases	90.8	0.0	76.2	167.0
FY2008 Governor	816.8	170.0	790.1	1,776.9

**Commissioner's Office
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2008</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	10	10	Annual Salaries	784,535
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	3,758
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	568,029
			<i>Less 0.81% Vacancy Factor</i>	(11,022)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	10	10	Total Personal Services	1,345,300

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Chief Communications Officer	0	0	1	0	1
Commissioner	0	0	1	0	1
Dep Commissioner	1	0	2	0	3
Exec Secretary III	0	0	1	0	1
Secretary	0	0	2	0	2
Spec Asst To The Comm II	0	0	2	0	2
Totals	1	0	9	0	10